ed in the Patriot dated the 24th October, 1988 to the effect that under the new US economic and military aid programme the modified/upgraded U.S. F-16s war planes are being acquired by Pakistan which could operate the next generation air-to-air and air-to-surface weapons systems;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the situation; and

(d) whether the issue has been taken up by Government with the US Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has not been officially confirmed.

(c) Appropriate measures ar etaken at all times to ensure the country's security.

(d) From time to time Government have conveyed to the U.S. Government India's serious concern about the supply of sophisticated U.S. arms to Pakistan.

I.I.T. graduates returning from abroad

*100. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study undertaken by the Ministry has indicated that only 20 per cent of I.I.T. graduates, who go abroad, return India after studies; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) According to the report of the IIT Review Committee, on an average 20 per cent of the IIT graduates go abroad. A large percentage of these graduates eventually return to India.

A Statement indicating the measures taken by Government to attract back those settled abroad is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Measures taken by Government to attract back those settled abroad

1. Programmes have been launched through which 'core' groups of scientists are created in the country with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

2. There is a provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of Scientists Pool.

3. A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.

4. Facilities to import equipment have been provided to the scientists and technologists returning from abroad.

5. With a view to assisting non-resident Indians to secure expeditious clearance of their applications for setting up of industrial units in the country, a Special Cell has been created in the Ministry of Industry.

6. Delegations of enhanced administrative and financial powers have been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

7. New scientific departments/organisations such as Departments of Biotechnology, Ocean Development, Environment, Non-conventional Energy Sources, Centre for Development of Telematics etc. have been set up and some of these are in high tchnology areas, which are likely to provide opportunities for scientists and technologists and attract them into the country.

8. Total outlay for science and technology has been increased in the successive Five Year Plans.